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In re Application of
Jeffrey S. Eder
Application No. 08/999,245
Filed: December 10, 1997
For: A METHOD OF AND A SYSTEM FOR
DEFINING AND VALUING ELEMENTS OF
A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **TO WITHDRAW THE**
: **HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

This is in response to applicant's letter of December 14, 2001 requesting a copy of the Office action mailed on November 21, 2000. This letter is being construed as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181. The delay in considering this petition is sincerely regretted.

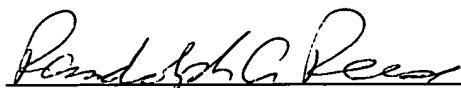
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that this application was held abandoned on December 7, 2001 for failure to respond to the Office action within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of November 21, 2000.

Applicant submits that the Office action was never received.

A review of the file reveals that a Revocation and Substitute Power of Attorney was filed September 5, 2000 and was entered into the file wrapper. However, it appears the papers were never processed and entered into the USPTO database. Thus, the Office action was not mailed to the new attorney of record, Todd M. Becker of Davis, Wright, Tremaine, LLP at the firm's address of 2600 Century Square, 1501 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101-1688. Subsequently, applicant filed another Revocation of Power of Attorney on March 16, 2001 that revoked all previous powers and returned power to applicant. This document was processed and a Notice to that effect was mailed on March 22, 2001, but the Office action of November 21, 2000 had been previously sent to the incorrect address and was never provided to applicant.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to withdraw the holding of abandonment and restore the application to pending status before re-dating and re-mailing the Office action to the updated correspondence address.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randolph A. Reese", is written over a horizontal line.

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